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WOMEN S PARTICIPATION IN SERICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has any proposal to promote women's participation in the sericulture sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of future Schemes/strategy for sericulture under Eleventh Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes. Central Silk Board has been implementing the following schemes for up-liftment of rural women in sericulture during the X Plan:

1. Establishment of Seri-Technology Complex for Women.

2. Development and popularization of women friendly technology for avoiding drudgery in sericulture.

3. Catalytic Development Schemes.

(b) The details of the schemes are shown in Annexure .

(c) The approach paper for the XIth plan is in the stage of formulation and empowerment of women in sericulture is an important consideration in that.

Annexure

THE DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SERI-TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX FOR WOMEN: (FUNDED BY DEPT. OF BIOTECHNOLOGY - NEW DELHI)

Central Sericultural Research And Training Institute (CSR&TI, Mysore) under Central Silk Board has taken up the project at a total cost of Rs. 81.33 lakhs with funds from DBT commencing from February, 2004 over a period of 5 years. The objective of the project is to provide training to selected women sericulturists from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Maharashtra. Besides hands on-training for skill development with new cutting edge sericulture technologies, it involves demonstration, field study tour and participatory approach in local language. As against the target to train 3375 women

Sericulturists, the institute has so far imparted training to 1532 persons as per programme -wise details given hereunder:

Programmes	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto July 2006)	Total
Integrated nutrient and diseases management in mulberry by eco-friendly approach	70	127	42	239
Young age silkworm rearing	134	198	54	386
Composite silkworm rearing course	54	99	18	101
Integrated pest and diseases management,	49	98	26	173

an eco friendly approach with bio-pesticides, bio-fungicides and botanicals				
Silkworm seed production	08	0	0	08
Value addition to bye products of sericulture industry by better resource management	20	34	0	54
Drudgery reduction through agronomically sound appliances / hand tools	253	236	82	571
Total no. Of trainees	588	722	222	1532

Development & popularization of women friendly technology for avoiding drudgery in sericulture (funded by DBT) CSB has taken up the project at a total cost of Rs. 11.56 lakhs over a period of 5 years with funds from department of science & technology, New Delhi. The project commenced during October, 2003. The objective of the project is reducing drudgery in sericulture by popularizing women friendly technologies. Under the programme, survey has been conducted in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to identify the activities involving more drudgery in sericulture. This apart development of tools, equipments and machines for reduction of drudgery among women workers is in progress.

Catalytic development programme:
Under the Catalytic Development Programme presently being implemented by the Central Silk Board in collaboration with the State Government emphasis has been given for the promotion of women's participation in sericulture.